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Tobacco makes a comeback

The outlook for tobacco farmers looked bleak five years ago with prices and demand plummeting. Times have changed, however, and this year burley tobacco farmers in Kentucky and Tennessee are reaping their best payday since 2004, when the federal government

Price, demand strong for this year's crop

stopped regulating the market. That's one reason Golden Leaf Tobacco Company Inc., a Virginia company, opened a "receiving station" in Warsaw this fall where farm-

ers can take their burley to be sold. "Things have really turned around this year," said Brandon Kemper, who along with his father, Bobby Kemper, oversees operations at the receiv-

ing station located at the former American Racing Wheel factory on Main St. "Farmers no longer are limited to signing contracts for their burley. It's more of an open market and people are able to

make good money growing burley again." Kemper says the turn around is a result of higher demand, dwindling supplies and the high quality of tobacco that's grown in Gallatin and other Kentucky counties.

This year, Kentucky tobacco farmers have been rewarded with burley prices near \$2 per pound so far this marketing season. That nearly matches the prices burley fetched in 2004, the last year growers sold their crop under federal production and price controls dating back to the Depression era.

"We're bouncing back," said Tim Gripshover a farmer who brought in two large trailers of burley to the Golden Leaf Tobacco receiving station on Monday. "My father and I grew 140 acres this year. Even though we had some dry weather in the middle of summer, the crop looks good and the price we're getting does too. It's a good feeling to be growing something people want again."

Prices for last year's burley crop averaged \$1.75 per pound, the peak price since the free-market era started in 2005. The 2010 crop was hurt by drought and averaged

\$1.45 per pound, the lowest average of the period. The price outlook for this year's crop improved in recent weeks because of competition from independent leaf dealers and tobacco cooperatives vying for limited supplies. University of Kentucky tobacco specialist Bob Pearce rates this year's crop as one of the best in a decade. Yields will be close to average due to the early drought, he said, but quality is high thanks to ideal curing conditions in late summer and fall.

Kentucky is the nation's top producers of burley, which is the type of tobacco used to make cigarettes.

Many farmers contract with a company such as Phillip Morris before the season to grow a certain amount of burley for a certain price. This year, however, farmers growing tobacco without contracts – speculating someone will buy their leaf on the open market – are finding buyers and raking in higher prices because of the strong demand.

Many farmers who once grew tobacco have changed in recent years to producing crops such as corn and soybeans due to falling prices.

Because of the success of this year's crop, some of those farmers may be tempted to return to growing burley next year.



Bringing in the crop

Brandon Kemper (left) organized bales of tobacco that Tim Gripshover brought to the Golden Leaf Tobacco Company receiving station in Warsaw on Monday. Kemper said a strong demand for this year's crop has driven up prices. Photo by Kelley Warnick

\$100,000 reward for arrest of Stephenson murderer to expire

The \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the mysterious murders of Bill and Peggy Stephenson will expire this week.

The Stephensons, both 74, were brutally murdered in their Florence condominium on May 29, 2011. Although they lived in Boone County, the

couple had many relatives and close friends who lived in Gallatin County.

The family initially offered a \$5,000 reward. Their children, Doug Stephenson, Tom Stephenson and Beth Victor, increased it to \$100,000 in September after Boone County sheriff's officials confirmed they have the DNA of the person who killed

the couple. The reward will expire Nov. 29.

The killer's DNA profile has been entered into the FBI's database but no match has yet been found. It also has been compared to several "persons of interest" in the case without a match.

One of those "persons of interest" is Charles "Steve" Stephenson, Bill and Peggy Stephenson's nephew. He's awaiting trial in Indiana for beating his girlfriend, Leigh Jennings, to death with a frying pan in her home. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. He also has been

charged in Kentucky with tampering with evidence and for drug possession. Even though his DNA doesn't match that found at the murder scene, officials say he has not been ruled out as a suspect.

Police have said almost nothing about the murders since the bodies were found by a relative who became concerned when the couple didn't show up for Sunday services at the Union Baptist Church. Peggy played the organ at the church for more than 40 years and Billy was a deacon there.

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ARCA race returns

Besides two weekends of NASCAR races at the Kentucky Speedway next year, the track will also host an ARCA series race.

The Quaker State 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup race on Saturday, June 29, will highlight the track's schedule next year.

Prior to that race will be a NASCAR Camping

World Truck series race on June 27 and the NASCAR Nationwide Series Feed the Children 300 on June 28.

In the fall, there will be another Nationwide race on Saturday, Sept. 21 and a 200-mile ARCA race the night before. That will be the first ARCA race at the track since 2009.

Lawsuit filed in fatal bus crash

The first of what may be several lawsuits has been filed in the tragic Carroll County school bus crash that killed two preschoolers on Monday afternoon, Oct. 29.

Northern Kentucky lawyer and radio personality Eric (The Bulldog) Deters filed the lawsuit on behalf of two children injured in the accident. The suit says bus riders Erica Isaias Cruz fractured her leg and Ryleigh Nicole Hollingsworth fractured

her collarbone when the bus crashed.

Nine children and two adults were aboard the Carroll County school bus when it left the road, hit a tree and flipped over.

The lawsuit is against bus driver Laura Reed, school Superintendent Lisa James and the Carroll County Board of Education. Superintendent James said there would be no comment on the case.

The suit seeks unspecified damages.

I hope some of my wishes come true

This and That

By Kelley Warnick
Editor

I find myself wishing and hoping for a lot of things these days.

This morning I stopped at the hardware store on my way to work. As I jumped in my truck to drive to the office, I heard a familiar voice speak up in the back of my head.

"Gee," it said. "I wish it was as easy to get across Main St. as it was for Moses to part the Red Sea."

I suppose wishing and hoping are human nature. As a child, I wished for toys. As an adolescent I hoped for

a smile from the right girl. As a college student, I wished there were enough hours in the day to sleep, study and socialize. I have other things on my mind these days.

Not long ago, I had a bout with the common cold. After a week of sneezing and coughing, I found myself waiting in a doctor's office for what seemed like a millennium.

That afternoon, I wished I could find a doctor who treated me with the same care and respect Mayme Walters shows the injured deer and other animals she cares for in her backyard.

I do a lot of wishing and hoping when I leave the house each morning. I usually hope my Golden Retriever doesn't decide to dig a hole to China in the backyard while I'm gone. I also hope my cat doesn't shred the curtains, the hos-

es don't blow off the washing machine and the deer don't decide to spend their "Happy Hour" in the shrubbery.

I also find myself wishing and hoping for a few things regarding politics. I wish politicians would spend more time talking about themselves and less time telling me why their opponents are lying nincompoops. I'm getting all these lying nincompoops confused with each other. I also hope I don't learn any more about the sex lives of the men and women in office. I know too much about that already.

I almost always do some wishing and hoping when I go out to eat. I hope the food I order doesn't give me ptomaine. That's at the top of the list. I also hope the restaurant staff doesn't play in the soup before they serve it and that they pay attention to those signs in the bath-

room about washing their hands.

Celebrities make me wish and hope too. I wish actors and actresses didn't think it was their duty to tell me how to live my life. I like to figure that out by myself. I also wish Lindsay Lohan would keep her clothes on and stay out of my living room. I wish there was at least one bald TV news anchor and that there was a TV channel that showed nothing but old monster movies.

I wish and hope about sports too. I hope my team will win the big game one day. I also wish I believed athletes didn't just do it for the money and that so many of them didn't act like they just entered puberty.

While I'm at it, I'll wish for one more thing: I hope all my wishes never come true. I'm afraid life would be too boring if they did.



Christmas colors

Ann Webster decorated the public library's Christmas tree on Monday morning. The library is getting ready for its Dec. 4 Christmas party that will include Denny French's model train display and a visit from Santa. Photo by Kelley Warnick

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The stories behind our favorite Christmas songs

We sing them every year at this time and now an entirely new generation is singing them too. There's an inside story behind each of our favorite Christmas carols. Here's the scoop on our Holiday Hit Parade.

•**Silent Night** — The granddaddy of great Christmas songs and a calming influence during the hectic holidays.

Originally known as "Stille Nacht", it was written by Austrian priest Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber. The two men sang the song at a Christmas mass in 1818 accompanied by guitar. The tune quickly spread across Europe.

•**Jingle Bells** — The best known of Christmas tunes, though it was originally written for a Thanksgiving church service. The song proved so popular and cheerful it was performed again at Christmas and for decades thereafter.

It was copyrighted in 1857 by James Pierpont (uncle of legendary financier J. P. Morgan).

•**White Christmas** — Composed by Irving Berlin, who was Jewish, it was sung by Bing Crosby in the 1942 film, *Holiday Inn*. The song became so popular Crosby sang it again in a 1954 remake of the film, renamed *White Christmas*, co-starring Kentucky's own Rosemary Clooney.

This is the most recorded holiday song ever with more than 500 versions.

•**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer** — Gene Autry didn't want to record this song because he thought it didn't fit his "cowboy" image. His wife insisted and the 1949 tune became the biggest hit of his career. It spawned the popular cartoon which has charmed children for years.



Christmas garden

Nearly everywhere you look these days you'll find homes decorated inside and out for the holiday season. Earl Richard Wood dressed up his Warsaw garden with Christmas bells to celebrate this joyous time of year. Photo by Kelley Warnick

Our Readers Write

Bring back Class Night for seniors and parents

Dear Editor:

As mentioned in last week's letter from Lane Hawkins, the high school administration has decided to cancel class night ceremonies.

As parents, my wife and I feel this is a great injustice to the senior class. I am currently in talks with Ms. Booth and Ms. Perkins over the matter. I am also putting together a Facebook page so the community can keep informed about this important event.

I encourage all parents to get involved with this issue, even if they don't have a senior this year. If we allow class night to be cancelled this year, it will never return.

Also, I plead with community leaders and business leaders to get involved.

YES, we are very proud of our students and their achievements, and they deserve Class Night.

Thank you,
Ken Lafferty
Warsaw

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Kentucky Commentary

Stivers and Beshear face tough challenges

Senate majority leader Robert Stivers of Manchester sponsored a bill to require a prescription for pseudoephedrine above a certain limit, but settled for a law that allows a person to buy about 240 pills a month without a prescription, double the limit he favored.

Stivers is still passionate about the issue, but said he was willing to give the law time to work before trying to tighten it. That's a fairly typical stance, but there will be other issues on his plate in the next two legislative sessions if he is Senate president.

Frankfort watchers are wondering what kind of changes will come with Stivers replacing Williams, who be-deviled governors of both parties for nearly 13 years and was dubbed by Sen. Mitch McConnell as the most consequential Republican ever to serve in Frankfort.

Stivers and Gov. Beshear face tough issues: the state's massive unfunded pension liability, the need to modernize state and local tax structure, how to expand gambling, and the possible expansion of Medicaid to people earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

Last week's recommendation by a task force to put huge new sums into the pension fund will increase pressure to get more money from a revised tax system, expanded gambling or both.

"Gaming's always on the agenda," Beshear said after Monday's press conference, "because I think it's so important for the future of the Commonwealth."

But the prospect for approving anything like the plan he ran on in 2007 has dimmed. This month's elections made the Senate and House more Republican and socially conservative, and Stivers joined Williams's opposition to casinos. But with the legislature's anti-tax sentiment, gambling is the best shot for meaningful new revenue.

The first order of business is to see whether the state is saving as much as it expected by putting Medicaid under managed care by insurance companies. Even if it does and Medicaid isn't expanded with heavy federal subsidies, the program will need more money.

Soon after last summer's ruling that upheld Obamacare but gave states the option of expanding Medicaid, state House GOP Leader Jeff Hoover was quick to reject expansion as too costly. Williams and Stivers did not follow his lead.

Beshear has said Medicaid should expand if the Commonwealth can afford it, to get more people into the health-care system and improve the state's lousy health status. He told me after the press conference he expects to get cost estimates for expansion by the end of March. But he probably won't propose expansion until he fixes the mess he created by delaying the start of managed care in order to avoid bad press before his November 2011 re-election over Williams. That delay forced hasty implementation to achieve

the promised savings.

If Beshear proposes to expand Medicaid, which could be his biggest legacy as governor, that would be a big test for Stivers. He surely knows the great good it could do in his desperately poor district and region, but leads a Republican caucus that has reflexively opposed expanding government and its spending. Asked if he has an open mind on the issue, he told me, "I don't have an open mind or a closed mind."

That verbal stretch illustrates the difficulties ahead, not just Stivers's cagey responses to questions. And as the Senate's top dog, he may have to be less wary because he will face more pressing queries from reporters, requests from GOP senators and pleading from lobbyists than ever before.

Amid all that, he and Beshear must sail a leaky boat through rough waters. You have to wonder why Stivers wants the job.

Al Cross is Director of the Institute for Rural Journalism at The University of Kentucky



Steve Kelley, New Orleans Times-Picayune

Courthouse report

Jail Report

November 18, Silva C. Giovanni, 29, speeding, DUI, no insurance, marijuana possession, reckless driving, open alcohol in vehicle, failure to wear seat belt, KSP, J. Wilhite.

November 18, Esteban M. Pascual, 28, alcohol intoxication, KSP, D. Staubach.

November 18, Samuel Esquivel, 25, alcohol intoxication, KSP, D. Staubach.

November 18, Bernadette Messer, 32, DUI, no driver's license, no insurance, KSP, D. Staubach.

November 20, Melissa Carter, 45, no driver's license, no insurance, DUI, drug paraphernalia possession, GCSD, B. Roberts.

November 20, Steven A. Duncan, 54, DUI, KSP, J. Noble.

November 20, Tony L. Rider, 53, DUI, KSP, J. Wilhoit.

November 21, Jeremy R. Acree, 33, reckless driving, DUI, no registration receipt, driving on suspended license, no insurance, open alcohol in vehicle, KSP, P. Stucker.

November 22, Michael Miranda, 43, no registration plates, DUI, GCSD, B. Roberts.

November 25, Dawn M. Bush, 28, DUI, no insurance, KSP, P. Stucker.

November 25, Jason F. Bell, 31, alcohol intoxication, KSP, D. Staubach.

November 26, Clinton T. Greene, giving officer false name, resisting arrest, warrant, WPD, R. Dunn.

Circuit Court

Proceedings as heard by Judge James Schrand 11/26/12

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company vs. Greg E. Arzt, motion to dismiss, cont. 2/11/13.

Xtreme Concepts LLC vs. Harold Christy, motion to dismiss, dismissed.

North American Tax Solutions, LLC vs. James Daly, et al, motion to dismiss, dismissed.

Tax Ease Lien Investments, LLC vs. Randall Lee Dooley, motion to dismiss, dismissed.

Raymond Gould vs. Ken-

neth McFarland, et al, motion to dismiss, dismissed.

Frank Pence vs. Racers Pit Stop Grille, LLC, et al., motion to dismiss, cont. 2/11/13.

St. Luke West vs. Anetra Riportella, motion to dismiss, dismissed.

Southern Tax Services LLC vs. Scott Warren, motion to dismiss, dismissed.

Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Christopher Ashton, motion to confirm Master Commissioner's report of sale, order entered.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, inc. vs. Rick Domaschko, motion to confirm Master Commissioner's report of sale, order entered.

Kentucky Housing Corp. vs. Estate of Marcia J. Tyra, motion to confirm Master Commissioner's report of sale, order entered.

Flagstar Bank, FSB, vs. Charles French, et al., motion to confirm Master Commissioner's report of sale, order entered.

Jamos Fund, LP vs. John Fuellhart, et al., motions to file amended claims, orders entered.

Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Ralph Jewell, et al motion to dismiss, order entered.

Tax Ease Lien Servicing, LLC vs. Terry McIntyre, motion for appointment of guardian ad litem, order entered.

HSBC Bank USA, NA vs. Max Starnes Sr., et al., motion to reschedule Master Commissioner's sale, order entered.

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. vs. Terry L. Vallandigham, motion to confirm Master Commissioner's report of sale, order entered.

PNC Bank vs. Charles D. Young, motion for summary judgment, cont. 12/10/12.

Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Jeffrey Lawson, motion for default judgment submitted.

Dwayne Kelly Carroll, complicity manufacturing methamphetamine, guilty per agreement, sentencing 12/10/12.

James Doss, engaging in organized crime, complicity manufacturing methamphetamine, pretrial 12/10/12.

Arvid Kenneth Dulak, review, failure to appear, bench warrant.

Amanda Frazier, motion for shock probation submitted.

Christine Holloway, revocation hearing, cont. 1/14/13.

Leonard Blaine Hutchison Jr., 1st degree rape, 1st degree persistent felony offender, two counts 1st degree sodomy, cont. 12/10/12

Julia Carol King, complicity manufacturing methamphetamine, amended to attempted manufacture of methamphetamine, guilty; 2nd degree persistent felony offender, dismissed; 4th degree complicity controlled substance endangerment to a child, complicity unlawful possession of meth precursor, complicity tampering with physical evidence, 1st degree complicity methamphetamine trafficking, 1st degree heroin possession, drug paraphernalia possession, 2nd degree controlled substance possession, guilty, sentencing 12/10/13.

Jamie A. Little, review, cont. 12/10/12.

Chad A. Perkins, complicity manufacturing methamphetamine, guilty, 10 years, \$1,000; 4th degree complicity controlled substance endangerment to a child, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; complicity unlawful possession of meth precursor, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; complicity tampering with physical evidence, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; 1st degree complicity methamphetamine trafficking, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; 1st degree heroin possession, guilty, 3 years, \$1,000; drug paraphernalia possession, guilty, 12 months; 2nd degree controlled substance possession, guilty, 12 months.

Logan Perkins, review, cont. 1/14/13.

Calista Robertson, probation revocation hearing, cont. 1/7/13.

William Bryan Sharkey, probation revocation hearing, cont. 12/10/12.

Stacy L. Shields, complicity manufacturing methamphetamine, dismissed; 4th degree complicity controlled substance endangerment to a child,

guilty, 3 years, \$1,000; complicity unlawful possession of meth precursor, guilty, 3 years, \$1,000; complicity tampering with physical evidence, guilty, 3 years, \$1,000; 1st degree complicity methamphetamine trafficking, dismissed; 1st degree heroin possession, guilty, 3 years, \$1,000; drug paraphernalia possession, guilty, 12 months. 2nd degree controlled substance possession, guilty, 12 months.

William Robert Shields, convicted felon in possession of a firearm, guilty, 5 years; 1st degree controlled substance possession, guilty, 3 years; 1st degree opiate possession, guilty, 3 years; marijuana possession, guilty, 45 days; drug paraphernalia possession, guilty, 12 months.

William Robert Shields, complicity manufacturing methamphetamine, guilty, 15 years, \$1,000; 4th degree complicity controlled substance endangerment to a child, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; complicity unlawful possession of meth precursor, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; complicity tampering with physical evidence, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; 1st degree methamphetamine trafficking, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; 1st degree heroin possession, guilty, 3 years, \$1,000; drug paraphernalia possession, guilty, 12 months; 2nd degree controlled substance possession, guilty, 12 months; 1st degree persistent felony offender, dismissed.

James R. Tamper, review, cont. 12/10/12.

Heath Sturgeon, review, cont. 2/11/13.

Tabitha L. Wilson, probation revocation hearing, remain incarcerated.

Katelin Woodward, attempted manufacture of methamphetamine, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000.

Katelin C. Woodward, complicity manufacturing methamphetamine, guilty, 10 years, \$1,000; engaging in organized crime, dismissed; 4th degree controlled substance endangerment to a child, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; complicity unlawful possession of meth precursor, guilty, 5 years, \$1,000; 1st degree methamphetamine possession, guilty, 3 years, \$1,000; drug paraphernalia possession, guilty, 12 months.

District Court Civil Suits

CACH LLC vs. Barbara Perkins, et al., debt dispute.

Roundup Ltd vs. Michael Gaunt, debt dispute.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center vs. Tabitha Beasley, debt dispute.

Convergence Receivables vs. Matthew Driscoll, debt dispute.

Capital one Bank vs. Misti Ladrigan, debt dispute.

Capital one Bank vs. Kenneth Ruebusch, debt dispute.

CACH LLC vs. Richard Marksberry, debt dispute.

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Thomas Anderson, debt dispute.

Richwood Acceptance Corp. vs. Todd Gates, debt dispute.

Mukesh Patel vs. Emily White and occupants, forcible detainer of property.

Richwood Acceptance Corp. vs. Bradley and Jessica Simmons, debt dispute.

Midland Funding vs. Curt Wilson, debt dispute.

SSK Communities vs. Tracy Valois, forcible detainer of property.

Meadow Creek Apartments vs. Thomas Hodge, forcible detainer of property.

Meadow Creek Apartments vs. Jane Couch, forcible detainer of property.

Meadow Creek Apartments vs. William Piper, forcible detainer of property.

Proceedings as heard by Judge Michael Collins 11/27/12

Derek Eggleston, review, dismissed.

Clinton T. Greene, giving officer false name or address, guilty, costs, 30 days jail-conditionally discharged, resisting arrest, merged/dismissed; fugitive from another state, formal extradition waived.

Brian Romans, contempt of court, dismissed.

Jeremy Acree, reckless driving, DUI, no/expired registration receipt, driving on suspended license, no insurance card, open alcohol in vehicle, bonded out.

Eddie G. Alkire, operating with inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, failure to add taxable unit to taxable

inventory, dismissed.

Bibek Basneth, speeding/23 mph over limit, guilty, \$46, costs; careless driving, merged/dismissed; no insurance, proof shown/dismissed.

Belinda Beach, review, cont. 1/8/13.

Albert Boyajian, failure to or improper signal, merged/dismissed; no license in possession, proof shown/dismissed; no insurance, guilty, \$500-\$450 of which is conditionally discharged, costs.

Hope M. Cecil, review, dismissed.

Kyle D. Creekmore, speeding/24 mph over limit, guilty, \$48, costs; driving on suspended license, failure to notify DOT of address change, failure to surrender revoked license, proof shown/dismissed.

Robert M. Ferguson, speeding/20 mph over limit, careless driving, no insurance, cont. 12/4/12.

Fathi F. Haroun, speeding/26 mph over limit, careless driving, no rear view mirror, no insurance card, cont. 12/4/12.

Lakeisha C. Harris, speeding/17 mph over limit, no insurance, failure to appear, suspend license.

Michael B. Humphrey, disregarding stop sign, guilty, \$20, costs; no insurance, proof shown/dismissed.

Jonathan Johnson, failure to wear seat belt, guilty, \$25; no insurance card, proof shown/dismissed.

Cornelia A. Jump, DUI, guilty, \$200, costs, suspend license, service fee, costs.

Dillon M. Krueger, no insurance card, failure to appear, suspend license.

Rupal M. Lad, no insurance, failure to appear, suspend license.

Micah Joel Lawson, two counts theft by deception, cont. 11/21/12.

Homer McDaniel, review, dismissed.

James Miller, review, dismissed.

Mariah J. Pope, speeding/26 mph over limit, careless driving, driving on suspended license, failure to appear, bench warrant, suspend license.

Dion D. Rambus, speeding/19 mph over limit, no insurance card, failure to appear, suspend license.

Cynthia W. Schrecker, no insurance card, failure to wear seat belt, failure to appear, suspend license.

Kody R. Smith, speeding/18 mph over limit, rear license not illuminated, pretrial 12/18/12.

Rebecca L. Smith, review, cont. 2/12/13.

Herman M. Willhoite, no/expired registration plates, no/expired registration receipt, cont. 12/18/12.

Jeffrey M. Wolf, failure to enroll in diversion program, failure to appear, failure to wear seat belt, failure to appear, suspend license.

Tina L. Ackerman, careless driving, failure to notify DOT of address change, DUI, bench trial 1/9/13.

Christopher Wayne Boyd, speeding/19 mph over limit, no insurance card, DUI, bench trial 1/9/13.

Daniel S. Bush, review, cont. 12/19/12.

Danny Bush, review, cont. 12/19/12.

Joshua S. Bush, marijuana trafficking, guilty, 90 days jail-conditionally discharged, costs.

Joshua W. Gosciniak, 4th degree assault, review 3/11/13.

Amanda M. Harrison, theft by unlawful taking, guilty, \$50, costs, 5 days jail-conditionally discharged, costs.

Cheryl N. Lamb, marijuana

trafficking, guilty, merged/dismissed.

Staci Claudette McIntyre, review, cont. 5/14/13.

Thomas Perkins, failure to wear seat belts, no insurance card, driving on suspended license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to appear, bench warrant.

Brian K. Romans, motion to revoke, cont. 12/4/12.

Brian K. Romans, violation of EPO, cont. pretrial 12/4/12.

Gerald Matthew Schauer, marijuana possession, bench trial 1/23/13.

Gerald Matthew Schauer, 3rd DUI, amended to 2nd DUI, bench trial 1/23/13.

Shawn R. Wilson, 50 counts 3rd degree unlawful transaction with a minor, pretrial 12/18/12.

Proceedings as heard by Judge Jeff Smith 11/7/12

(Continued from last week)

Linda H. O'Connor, 4th degree assault, pretrial 12/18/12.

Doug Osbourne, 3rd degree terroristic threatening, harassment, cont. 11/28/12.

Nicholas K. Pavy, speeding/16 mph over limit, guilty, \$32, costs; no insurance card, driving on suspended license, excessive window tinting, no/expired registration plates, merged/dismissed; failure to wear seat belts, guilty, \$25.

Dion D. Rambus, speeding/19 mph over limit, no insurance card, cont. 11/27/12.

Tyson Lloyd Rose, review, satisfied.

Jeanie R. Traylor, reckless driving, 1st degree wanton endangerment, driving on suspended license, DUI, cont. 11/13/12.

Danny Bush, theft by unlawful taking, cont. 11/14/12.

Catherine Hodges, alcohol intoxication, guilty, \$25, costs.

Joseph R. Schigur, commercial fishing gear, not guilty.

Proceedings as heard by Judge Charles Moore 11/14/12

(Continued from last week)

Tina L. Ackerman, careless driving, failure to notify DOT of address change, DUI, cont. 11/27/12.

Danny Bush, theft by unlawful taking, cont. 11/27/12.

Joseph A. Dotson, careless driving, open alcohol in vehicle, DUI, no insurance card, bench trial 11/28/12.

Jay V. Jackson, DUI, reckless driving, bench trial 11/28/12.

Staci Claudette McIntyre, theft by deception, review, 11/27/112.

Karen Darlene Riddle, show cause, cont. 12/18/12.

Jama G. Adenwell, speeding/10 mph over limit, amended to improper equipment, guilty, \$25, costs; driving on suspended license, failure to surrender revoked license, no insurance, proof shown/dismissed.

Sarah D. Banta, speeding/16 mph over limit, no insurance card, failure to appear, suspend license.

Ramon Beason, driving on suspended license, failure to appear, suspend license, bench warrant.

Brittany Booth, open alcohol in vehicle, 3rd degree unlawful transaction with a minor, failure to appear, bench warrant.

Albert Boyajian, failure to or improper signal, no license in possession, no insurance, cont. 11/27/12.

Christopher Wayne Boyd, speeding/19 mph over limit, no insurance card, DUI, pretrial 11/27/12.

Joshua W. Gosciniak, 4th degree assault, pretrial 11/27/12.

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Holiday Lights of Gallatin County Show Your Christmas Spirit!

Gallatin County Tourism is sponsoring a county wide holiday yard decoration and light contest,

so show your holiday spirit in Gallatin County!

Prizes will be awarded in three areas: •Napoleon and Glencoe;

•Warsaw; •Sparta and Goldstar.

The judging will take place from December 1 to December 12.

Please notify the tourism committee if you would like to participate in the contest, by phone at: 859-466-2268 or email at: gallatintourism@insightbb.com.

The prizes will total a \$1000 or more, and will be gift cards from local Gallatin County businesses. In each judging zone, the prizes are: 1st, \$150. 2nd, \$100. 3rd, \$50.

Entrants will be judged by a local panel, and prizes will be awarded on Saturday, December 15 by Santa at the Lion's Club event in Warsaw, winners will be notified by phone or email.

Good luck, and light up the yards for the holidays!

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Murders

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The murder scene has not been described, there has been no mention of a murder weapon, whether there was a sign of forced entry or how the couple died. Boone County Sheriff's spokesman Tom Scheben said in September the time of death was between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.. He also said the killer spent a significant amount of time in the condominium and that he arranged the scene in a "unique way".

The Boone County Sheriff's department has dedicated a phone line and created a page on its website for tips leading to an arrest. Information about

the reward has also been displayed on billboards along Interstate 71/75. Scheben said tips have come "in abundance" during the past two months but have not resulted in an arrest.

Anyone with information is asked to call 859-334-8496.

Correction

Local attorney Larry Lawrence has not been convicted of "tax evasion" as reported in last week's edition of the News.

He has actually been convicted of submitting tax information that is incorrect.

We regret the error.

Community Life



The right answers

High School academic team coach Joe Deters talked with (left to right) Luke Samuel, Sam Wright and Eli Ackermann during a timeout in Monday’s quick recall segment of the match against Carroll County. Gallatin County had plenty of correct answers and beat Carroll 75-53. Photo by Kelley Warnick

By Bobbie Hendrix

Both academic teams win again

•Gallatin County High School’s academic team beat Carroll County, Monday, 75-53. **Sam Wright** was high scorer in quick recall and in arts & humanities. **Luke Samuel** led in math and social studies and **Eli Ackermann** was high scorer in science. Their next match will be at Williamstown on Monday, December 3. Their record now stands at four wins and one loss. The team is coached by GCHS math teacher **Joe Deters**.

•The Gallatin County Middle School academic team also defeated Carroll County on Monday, November 26. Final score was 74.4 to 22.6. **Cody Williams** and **C.J. Sadler** led the quick recall team to a 34-8 victory. High scorers on the written tests were **Katie Rogers** in language arts, **Jared Courtney** in social studies, **C.J. Sadler** in math and **Cody Williams** in science. Their record now stands at three wins, two losses. The team is coached by GCHS math teacher **Dara Hale**.

•The sixth grade students who are members of the Gallatin County Middle

School academic team will compete in the Sixth Grade Showcase at Grant County Middle School, Saturday, December 1.

•The Gallatin County High School **Media Center** will be open each day after school until 4:30 p.m. Students will have access to computers, books and other resources.

•Gallatin County Upper Elementary School’s PTSO still has a few **t-shirts** for sale in the office. Cost is \$10 per shirt.

•Gallatin County Schools will be accepting donations of **nonperishable foods** to be distributed among Gallatin County residents who are in need during the Christmas season.

Donations will be accepted at all the schools between November 26 and December 7. Homerooms will have a friendly competition to see who can bring in the most cans.

•Gallatin County Lower Elementary School’s **Student of the Month** lunch will be held Wednesday, November 28, for the December and November Students

of the Month.

•Gallatin County High School Guidance Counselor **Mike Davis** has arranged for Kentucky’s **Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson** to speak to the 2013 seniors on Thursday, November 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

•Gallatin County High School’s senior tux and drape **pictures** will be taken Friday, November 30.

•The Gallatin County FFA will host their annual **Alumni Chili Supper** on Friday, November 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Gallatin County High School cafeteria. There will be a silent and live auction from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Students 18 and under eat for \$3; adults, \$5. Those who want to participate in the chili contest will be charged \$5 per pot of chili.

•Gallatin County Lower Elementary School will be holding a **Spelling Bee** for first grade students on Wednesday, December 5, and for second grade students on Thursday, December 6.

•Gallatin County Upper Elementary School will host a **Santa’s Workshop**, December 5-7. More information about the workshop will be sent home with students soon.

•**Market Day** order forms must be turned in by Tuesday, December 4; on-line orders must be placed by Saturday, December 8. All orders must be picked up on Thursday, December 13, between 3:15 and 4:15 at the lower elementary gym door.

•Gallatin County Lower Elementary School’s **Site Based Decision Making Council** will meet Wednesday, December 12, at 3:30 p.m. at the school.

•Gallatin County Lower Elementary School will host

a **Santa’s Workshop**, December 12 through 15.

•All Gallatin County schools will be closed December 21 through January 1 for the **holiday break**.

•**Volunteers** are needed to help students who need a little extra help with homework. Anyone who could help for an hour once or twice a week, please call the Family Resource Center at 567-4900 to make a difference in a child’s life.

•Gallatin County High School is participating in a fund raiser while protecting the environment through recycling. **Donations** of old ink cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, mp3 players, gps devices, digital cameras and laptops help earn school supplies, equipment and even cash. All these projects provide the schools with much needed funds.

•Gallatin County High School students who achieve **perfect attendance** for the 2012/13 school year will have a chance to win an iPad. **First Farmers Bank** will donate the iPad and one lucky student’s name will be drawn from a pool comprised of those students who attended every day of school during the year.

•**The Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program** is open to all children, ages birth through five years old. The program was established to encourage literacy in the home and recognize the importance of reading to children at an early age by providing children with a free book every month until their fifth birthday. Enrollment is required. Forms for enrollment can be obtained at the Family Resource Center, room 116, Gallatin County Upper Elementary School.

People... in The News

Tyler Mullins, who grew up in Gallatin County, will perform with Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers at the Richwood Opry in Walton, Friday, December 7. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m.

Tyler is a 2010 graduate of Gallatin County High School and is a junior at Morehead State University where he is pursuing a double major in multimedia production and traditional music performance. He has been performing with Larry Sparks for nearly four years. He is the son of Paula Younger and Darrell Mullins.



Tyler Mullins

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Tourism sponsors holiday decoration contest

Do you have the best holiday decorations in Gallatin County? Now, you can win prizes for your artistic work!

The Gallatin Tourism Committee is sponsoring a Christmas decoration and light contest to celebrate the holidays. And there are big financial awards for the winners.

Prizes will be awarded for best yard decorations and light displays in three areas of Gallatin County. They are: 1. Napoleon & Glencoe. 2. Warsaw. And 3. Sparta/Gold Star.

Local judges will tour the three areas from December 1-12. The prizes will total \$1,000 or more and be awarded in the form of gift cards to Gallatin County businesses.

The first place winner for each area will be \$150. Second place will

get \$100; and third place will win \$50.

The prizes will be awarded on Saturday, December 15, by Santa Claus when he visits the Warsaw Courthouse Square courtesy of the Lion’s Club. Winners will be notified by phone or email.

Please notify the tourism committee if you would like to participate.

You can call them at 859/466-2268 or email them at: gallatintourism@insightbb.com. Time to get up on those ladders!



Bulletin Board

•**Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., JCTC Gallatin County Adult Education Saturday Class, 33 Boardwalk, Warsaw.**

•**Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holiday Shopping Bazaar, Gallatin County Extension Office, U.S. 42 West, Warsaw.**

•**Saturday, December 1, 1 p.m., KMA/KBA Eagle Creek District 11, Rick’s Tavern, Sparta, all riders welcome.**

•**Monday, December 3, 6 p.m., Zumba Aerobic Workout, St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall, Warsaw.**

•**Monday, December 3, 7 p.m., Warsaw Lions Club, Senior Citizens Center, West Pearl Street, Warsaw.**

•**Monday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., Gallatin County Farm Bureau Directors Meeting, Farm Bureau Office, Warsaw.**

•**Tuesday, December 4, Registration due for Basketball-of-the-Month, Gallatin County Extension Office, U.S. 42 West, Warsaw. Call 567-5481.**

•**Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Gallatin County Park Board Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, West Pearl Street, Warsaw.**

•**Tuesday, December 4, 7 p.m., 7 p.m., Gallatin County Planning Commission Meeting Gallatin County Extension Office, U.S. 42 West, Warsaw.**

•**Wednesday, December 5, 9 a.m., Gallatin County Election Board, County Clerk’s Office, West high Street, Warsaw.**

•**Wednesday, December 5, 6 p.m., Zumba Aerobic Workout, 6 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall, Warsaw.**



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In-Depth Local Forecast for GALLATIN COUNTY

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 45°, humidity of 48%. West wind 5 to 7 mph. The record high temperature for today is 72° set in 1960. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 26°. West wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 19° set in 1961. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 51°, humidity of 53%. Skies will be partly cloudy Thursday night with an overnight low of 33°. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a high temperature of 56°. Skies will become mostly cloudy Saturday with a high temperature of 58°.

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Weather History

What is the blinding effect of a blizzard called?

Answer: White out.

Weather History

Nov. 28, 1989 - Strong Santa Ana winds prevailed across Southern California. Winds gusted to 70 mph at the Rialto Airport and several tractor-trailer trucks were overturned east of Los Angeles.

Sports and Wildlife

Basketball seasons begin

Boys play first game Tuesday, Girls beat Trimble on Monday

Mark Gray Sports Reporter
Basketball season gets underway this week and both the girls' and boys' teams at Gallatin County have high expectations.

Both teams are coming off 22 win seasons and both are ranked in the top five Eighth Region pre-season ratings.

Wildcats
The boys' team returns Eighth Region Player of the Year candidate Kristian Morgan to a deep and athletic squad that should challenge for another All A and Eight Region title.

Along with returning starters Morgan and Nick

Brown, other possible starters are Koby Carlton, Tylor Herndon and Walton-Verona transfer Cole McCubbin.

Also seeing a lot of action will be Dylan Wesley, Austin Chapman, Kaleb Beckham, and Joe Sargent, another transfer from Walton-Verona.

"This is the toughest schedule we've played since I've been here," said Coach Jon Jones, who is entering his 19th season.

"We have the talent to compete in the All A and the Eighth Region. We also have a very competitive district this year."

"I don't know what

our record will look like," added Jones, "but at season's end, I think we will be a team no one wants to play."

The Wildcats will soon take a trip to Webster County for a Christmas tournament. They also will play in the D.R. Wenderoth Classic at Grant County and the Jock Sutherland Classic at Lexington Lafayette this season.

Lady Cats

Coach Holly Roberts Howell's team won its first game of the season Tuesday night. The girls beat Trimble County on the road 65-58.

The team returns starters Brooke Dossett, Hannah Dossett and Mikkah Hignite. All three players averaged in double figures last year.

Autumn Bowen, Scout Odom, Kelsea Satchwell and Kaitlyn Lawson will also see significant minutes.

Gallatin's schedule includes holiday games at Carroll County and South Oldham and a visit in January from Perry County Central, the state's 12th ranked team.

"Our top six players will see the majority of the action," said Howell. "We feel we're a dark horse to win the region. The girls play hard and play the right way."

"I'm encouraged by what I've seen so far," added Roberts. "We still have room for improvement to reach our ultimate goals of winning the All A and the Eighth Region."



Here come the Wildcats

Gallatin County senior Kristian Morgan was an 8th Region Player of the Year candidate last year and is ranked among the best players in the region again this year. Other possible starters for the Wildcats will be Nick Brown, Koby Carlton, Tylor Herndon and Cole McCubbin. The team began the season Tuesday night at Simon Kenton. Its first home game will be Tuesday, Dec. 4 against Walton-Verona. Photo by Kelley Warnick

M.S. boys win four games

The Gallatin County Middle School boys basketball teams had four wins this week.

The 8th grade defeated Trimble County on Tuesday, 44-16. Mason Wilson was the leading scorer with 14, Colten Groves 9, Korey Miller 7, Dominic Alexander 6, Jeffrey Bowling 4, and Dylan Williamson 4. Mason Wilson also had 6 steals and 5 assists.

On Thursday, they traveled to Owen County and the Cats were victorious, 30-25. Mason Wilson was again the leading scorer with 16 points, including 10012 from the free throw line. Isiah Streine had 12 and Miller 2. Wilson had 5 steals and

Streine had 12 rebounds. The 8th grade improved their record to 12-4. The 8th grade plays Williamstown this Wednesday, travel to North Oldham on Thursday, and play in the Timberwolf Jimmy V Classic in Shepherdsville on Saturday where they will face Mt. Washington at noon.

The 7th grade improved their record to 8-1 with wins over Trimble County and Owen County.

The Cats defeated Trimble County 40-24 and Jeffrey Bowling and Wyatt Bowen were the leading scorers with 15 apiece. Joey Dunavent added 6 and Zach Beatty 4. Bowling also had 10 rebounds. On Monday, the

Cats defeated the Rebels of Owen County 32-14.

The leading scorer was Jeffrey Bowling with 10 points. Justin rassman added 8, Blake Griffey 7, Wyatt Bowen 5 and Carlos White 2. Bowling also grabbed 15 rebounds.

The 7th grade also plays Williamstown on Wednesday and will travel to North Oldham on Thursday.

7th grade girls win, 8th falls to Trimble Co.

The Gallatin County Middle School girls basketball teams hosted Trimble County on Tuesday, November 20.

The 7th grade won by a 22-11 score. Bailey Wain-scott scored 9, Peyton Morgan 6, Isabelle Brown 4, Kaylee Terrell 2, and Adrienne Kearns 1.

The 8th grade lost 42-16. Gabby Hignite scored 6, Madison Duryea 3, Caitlyn Morris 2, MaKenna Wehrman 2, Lauren Miles 2, and Morgan 1.

Wildcats Varsity Basketball Schedule			
11/30	Simon Kenton	Away	7:30
12/1	Wenderoth Classic		6:00
12/4	Walton-Verona	Home	7:30
12/7	Henry County	Away	6:00
12/10	Eminence	Away	7:30
12/14	Carroll County	Away	7:30
12/17	Williamstown	Home	7:30
12/21	Owen County	Home	7:30
12/28,29	Webster Holiday Classic		8:00
12/29	Lyon County	Away	11:45
1/4	Carroll County	Home	6:00
1/7	Eminence	Home	7:30
1/10	Owen County	Away	7:30
1/15	8th Region All A		7:00
1/22	Henry County	Home	7:30
1/26	Oldham County	Home	7:30
1/28	Williamstown	Away	6:00
12/30	Anderson County	Home	7:30
2/1	South Oldham	Away	7:30
2/2	J. Sutherland Classic		4:00
2/5	Trimble County	Home	7:30
2/9	North Oldham	Home	7:30
2/12	Grant County	Home	7:30
2/15	Shelby County	Away	7:30

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Here is the news from some of our friends, and more from our Alaskan adventurers:

•The Bradleys and Meyungs were very daring when they went white-water rafting down the rain-swollen Nenana River that runs along the border of the park and goes through a beautiful canyon. They all agreed it was a very exciting trip, especially since the guide did all the work and no one fell out of the craft on the class 4 and class 5 rapids! They were comfortable and dry in the furnished dry suits that made each of them look like the little dough boy! Heading south out of Denali National Park, the foursome was disappointed they had not seen “the mountain”, but to their surprise, the clouds broke and they were able to pull over at a turnout to get some great pictures of the top of Denali! Their next surprise was the quaint little town of Talkeetna. This little one-block town’s claim to fame? It is the place to go if one needs a guide to climb the mountain! More adventures next week.

•Rae McEntyre continued her exploration of Kentucky State Parks with a visit to the E. P. “Tom” Sawyer State Park in Louisville. This is truly an urban park, with activities and events for everyone. It is located on land that housed the Fourth Kentucky State Mental Asylum from 1873 through the 1950s. Archaeologists were able to identify two

burial grounds on the park grounds, which are fenced off and have a few grave-stones. While there she saw about 200 migrating sandhill cranes flying overhead.

•The monthly meeting of the Book Club was held at the library, last Wednesday, to discuss *Casino Royale* by Ian Fleming. Attending were Betty Wright, Mary Jo Mylor, Janet McGaha, Marie Allison, Barbara Finfrock, John Bennet, Helen Walker, Larry Roberts, Bonnie McKee, and Lonni Faller. Reviews on the book were mixed, as some enjoyed it and others found it difficult. The next assigned book is *The House of Silk*, by Anthony Horowitz, and is a Sherlock Holmes mystery.

•Delores and Terry Hopperton hosted Thanksgiving dinner at their Warsaw home, with lots of good food and fun. The children were overjoyed at the beautiful day, which enabled them to play outside. The ladies searched the paper for Black Friday deals, and the men watched football (of course!). Sharing Thanksgiving with Terry and Delores were daughter Mishelle and her family, Steve, Kera, Josh, and Kaleb Frontz; son Brad and his family, Jenny, Lila, Carter, Madelyn, and Molly Hopperton; Sandy and Jeff Perry; Mandy, Andy, Tyler, Rylee, and Brynlee Tuttle; Jennifer and Braeden Kemper; and John and Judy Whetsel. Delores said it was a wonder-

ful day, with so much for which to be thankful. On Saturday, they celebrated Terry’s birthday with Brad, Jenny, Lila, Carter, Madelyn and Molly Hopperton, who joined Delores and Terry for lunch. Mishelle and Kera Frontz stopped in after work. Delores said it was a nice, lazy day that they all needed after such a busy week. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TERRY!**

•On Thursday, for the first time in 15 years, Doris Combs hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner at her Napoleon Ridge home, with Terry and Zak Combs-Caldwell assisting. Cal Combs-Caldwell and Amber Hause joined them for turkey and all the fixings, with Megan Lueke joining them for pumpkin pie, and card games. Everyone enjoyed the day!

•Amy Dickerson and her son, Hayden, enjoyed a field trip with the fourth grade class to the Natural History Museum in Cincinnati, where they attended the Omnimax Theater to see the Coral Reef program, and toured the science museum. Amy and Greg spent Thanksgiving with family in Cincinnati, along with sons Hayden Dickerson and Jordan Riesen-berg. On Saturday, the Dickersons celebrated Hayden’s tenth birthday with 13 of his friends. All the children spent the night and played games and ate yummy treats. Amy said she had good help from Jordan and Julia Riesen-berg and Shelley Simpson, who played games with the kids and assisted in serving the food. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAYDEN!**

•Loren Roberts enjoyed the Thanksgiving buffet at Belterra.

•Alice and Ron Johnson enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day at the home of Angie and Greg Mitchell and their children, Hannah, Rebekah, and Avah. Also in attendance were Phil Thomas, Marcie McCume, Mike, Kerri, Dominic, Brooke, and Ethan Alexander; and Brian, Katie, Colt, and Corbin Johnson. Alice said the food was wonderful and everyone had a great time. On Sunday, Alice took Hannah Mitchell, and Brooke and Kerri Alexander to Florence for lunch at Cheddar’s, followed by a trip to see the movie, *Breaking*

Dawn 2.

•Alex and Bob Weldon hosted a family Thanksgiving dinner at Seven Pines. Attending were Laura Weldon, Malinda Weldon, and Barbara Kinman of Warsaw; Orion Weldon and Sydney Briggs of North Brunswick, New Jersey; Mary Carabella and Scott Crawley of Louisville; Drew Scales of Lexington and Josh Davis of Glencoe. Bob said it was a wonderful day!

•Bob Weldon wrote to say that Mike Benton, the general manager at Riverview Foods for twelve years, passed away on Sunday evening. Mike had many dear friends from Gallatin County.

•Patsy Brown reported that, although she had to work at Belterra on Thanksgiving, she did get a free meal! After work, she visited her sisters in Vevay who had saved her a plate of delicious food from their Thanksgiving meal. On Monday, Patsy enjoyed a brief visit from family members and then came to visit with me. It’s always great to see Patsy!

•Betty and Boyd Lionberger had the entire family for Thanksgiving, including Betty’s brother, Virgil Isaacs, from Burlington. Thanksgiving was also Boyd’s birthday, so daughter, Julie Hamilton, brought him a fancy cake, plus he received numerous cards and gifts from family members. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BOYD!**

On Saturday, Betty and Boyd drove to Erlanger, accompanied by grand-

daughter, Jacalyn Williamson, to celebrate the third birthday of Boyd’s great-grandson, Dante Calangeo. The party was held at one of the banquet rooms in the Super Bowl bowling alley and was well attended by family members and Dante’s little friends. They all enjoyed pizza and cake, played games, and the children had fun bowling. Upon arriving home, Betty realized that someone had been there and made breakfast. After questioning several family members, she finally discovered that it had been granddaughter, Olivia Williamson, with Josh and baby Nova. Mystery solved, and everyone had a good laugh. On Sunday, Betty and Boyd were visited by daughter, Julie Hamilton, her children, Matthew and Hannah Hamilton, and oldest daughter, Kristina Turner,

with husband, Rob, and baby daughter, Aleigha, as well as son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Carol West. Keith helped Boyd put the finishing touches on the new carport. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANTE!**

•I drove to Latonia to celebrate Thanksgiving with family on Saturday, since my daughter-in-law had to work on the holiday at Walmart. We had a great time, good food and enjoyed being together. Annie did better this time, not getting sick till we were almost there. She had us all laughing when she refused to allow my son’s big dog to take her toys and her puppy chow.

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Friday, November 30: Kirby Brown, Amanda new, Taran Stephenson
Saturday, December 1: Tammy Utley, LuCarroll Craig, Madison Fisher
Sunday, December 2: Barry Roberts, Jade Waugh, Hunter Morley, Drake Howell, Daelyn Stewart
Monday, December 3: Keith Jones, James Perry, Jr., Rita Marsh, Jessica Schrage, Dawn Ray, Don Bolte
Tuesday, December 4: Daryl Stephenson, Natalie Lynn Rea, Nicolle Johnson, Monica Wade, Kim Scudder, Cindy Williamson, Nicole Behymer, Cameron Murphy
Wednesday, December 5: Katie Lowe, Jennifer Breisacher, Chad Alexander, Matthew Beach, Rita Connelly, Shelby Ann Nicole Young



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•Each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Sessions are at a reduced rate of \$5 a week. The library covers the rest of the program fee. New members welcome at any time!

MAKE & TAKE CRAFTS

•On Saturday, December 1st and 15th, stop by and make a Christmas craft. Take it home or give it away!

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

•Tuesday, December 4th, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Handbell Ringer Kathy Finke will perform sounds of the season. The Christmas Train display will be up and running, children will gather for a story and Santa will make an appearance. All children of the community are invited to attend. Everyone welcome!

COLLEGE 101

•High school juniors and seniors and their parents are invited to attend a program on obtaining student loans for college on Thursday, December 6th at 7 p.m. Bob McDermott with KHEAA (Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority) will be the presenter. This is a very informative and helpful event.

WRITER’S GROUP

•Will meet on Thursday, December 6th at 7 p.m. If you like to write but don’t know where to start or you need ideas, support, or feedback – join us!

CHRISTMAS TRAIN DISPLAY

•Will run on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 5 – 7 p.m. on December 4, 11, 13, 18, and 20th. If you’d like to see them during the day, please let the library staff know.

WHEN WILL IT SNOW?

•Predict when the first inch of snow will fall at the library and win a gift card! Stop in to enter.

BOOK SIGNING BY LOCAL AUTHOR:

•Stephen P. Huddleston, Warsaw attorney, has published a book, *Fortune’s Yoke*. A book signing will be hosted by the library on Friday evening, December 14th from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Appetizers will be served. The cost of the book is \$18 and would make a great Christmas gift! Everyone welcome to stop by.

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Obituaries

Jack Duncan

Warsaw resident Jack Duncan died Thursday, November 22, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Duncan worked as a supervisor for the Roadway Company and the Kentucky Department of Transportation. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Imogene Oak Duncan; two sons, Michael Duncan of Florence and Daniel Duncan of Louisville; one daughter, Rebecca Sallee of Florence; one sister, Elaine Hacker of Covington; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Sunday, November 25, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Gar-

nett-New-McDonald Funeral Home in Warsaw. Rev. Tim Scott conducted the funeral Monday, November 26, at 2 p.m., also at the funeral home. Burial was at the Warsaw Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Foundation, 5211 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227 or to the Warsaw Baptist Church.

Boyd E. Noel

Smithfield resident Boyd E. Noel died Wednesday, November 21, at Baptist Northeast Hospital in LaGrange. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Noel is survived by his mother, Linda Gullion Noel of Smithfield; his wife, Becky Adams Noel of Smithfield; four children, Stephen Boyd

Noel of New Carrollton, Maryland, Brian Noel of Wilmore, Miles G. Rison of Bedford, and Spring R. Gorbandt of Bedford; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Wayne Noel and a great-grandson, Jackson Wingham.

Visitation was held

Sunday, November 25, at Prewitt Eminence Funeral Home in New Castle. Rev. Denny French and Rev. Jared Gullion conducted the funeral service Monday, November 26, also at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Eminence Christian Church Endowment Fund.

Fred H. Sharon

Independence resident Fred H. Sharon died Saturday, November 24, at Gallatin Health Care in Warsaw. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Sharon worked for R.C. Durr Construction for over 30 years and was a member of Wilmington Baptist Church in Fiskburg.

He is survived by three sons, Jimmy and John Sharon of Glencoe, and Ronnie Sharon of Inde-



pendence; two sisters, Lula Hensley of Warsaw and Zela May Baughn of Price Hill, Ohio; five

grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jarman Sharon.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chambers & Grubbs Funeral Home in Independence. Funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Covington.

George Franklin Sparks

Rising Sun, Indiana resident George Franklin Sparks died Saturday, November 24. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Sparks was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a retired supervisor for the Litton Company and had most recently worked for P & G Welding and Fabrication.

He is survived by three sons, Paul Sparks of Marengo, Ind., Eddie Hatfield of Burlington, and Gregory Franklin

Sparks of Corydon, Ind.; two daughters, Connie Hodges-Hatfield of Union and Terrie Pulliam-Sparks of Rising Sun, Ind.; two sisters, Lula King of Hammersville, Ohio, and Gladys Fortner of Price Hill, Ohio. He was preceded in death by one son, Robert A. Sparks, and five brothers and sisters.

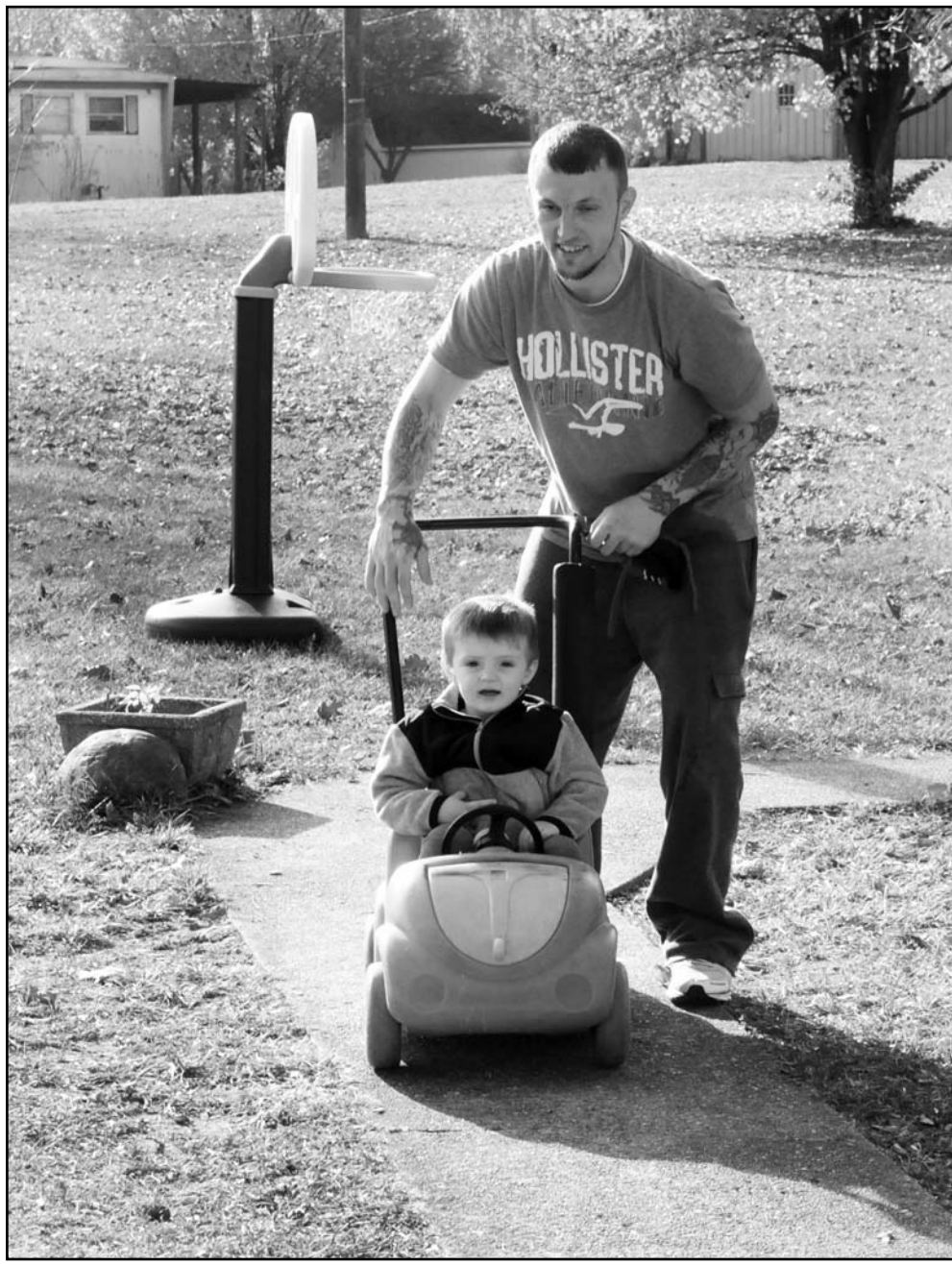
Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Garnett-New-McDonald Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Bro. Davon Huss will conduct the funeral on Thursday, November 29, at 1 p.m. Burial will be at the Warsaw Cemetery.

St. Joseph will conduct census

The parishioners of St. Joseph Church will soon begin taking a census of church members in Gallatin County. It's part of an effort throughout Northern Kentucky.

Census takers will be identified with census tags and folders and go two by two. They will ask names and religious affiliations. They will not be proselytizing. The project is to encourage people to be faithful to their choice of worship. For more information, call 567-2425.



A helping hand

Little Clinton Gullion, 2, got a push last week from his father, Kalem Gullion, as he rode his car down the family's sidewalk. They live on Knox Lillard Road. Photo by Kelley Warnick

NKCC to help with heating costs for low income residents

Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission will be providing energy assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP). The Subsidy Section will run through December 14, 2012, at each of the agency's eight neighborhood centers. For the Subsidy Section, families do not need to have a cut off notice.

Household income must be at or below 130% of poverty or relative to household size. Applicants must also present the most recent heating bill or verification that heating expenses are included in rent, a social security card or official documentation with social security numbers for each member of the household, proof of all household income for the prior month.

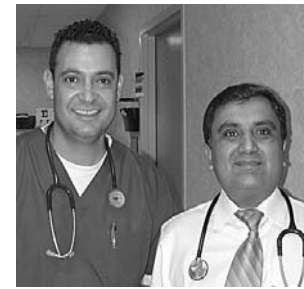
Residents of Gallatin County should contact the Gallatin County Neighborhood Center, 432 West main Street, Warsaw. 859-567-4660.

The Crisis Component of LIHEAP begins

January 7, 2013, and will operate until funds are expended or March 31, 2013, whichever occurs first. In addition to the documents listed above, families must also provide a disconnection notice or proof of being within five days of running out of fuel.

LIHEAP is a federally-funded program, operated in Northern Kentucky by Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission, in partnership with Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

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Three guinea hens on RT. 562 check out their surroundings from a perch on a large bale of hay. Farmers keep guineas for a variety of reasons including the fact they make good “watch dogs”. Photo by Kelley Warnick

Waterfowl season promising to be strong

Waterfowl seasons opened Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22. The conditions are in place for a productive waterfowl season; all that is needed is water.

"We are still hurting for water across the state," said Rocky Pritchert, migratory bird program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The Ohio River is low, reservoirs are low, farm ponds are low. Conditions are pretty even throughout Kentucky."

The drought that gripped a large chunk of Kentucky caused these low water conditions, but also provided a potential feast for waterfowl if rains fall.

"Areas that are normally moist have grown up in abundant natural vegetation from the drought," Pritchert explained. "If we get water, we will hold birds for a long time because there is lots of food out there for them to eat. We should have a good opener for waterfowl season."

The recent fronts pushed ducks from the north into the traditional waterfowl areas in the Purchase Region and along the Ohio River.

"Good numbers of ducks are showing up at Ballard Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in western Kentucky," Pritchert said. "The resident Canada goose population had a good reproductive year. We may see more geese to the south this year because of the lack of food from the drought in the northern tier states. Those states were more impacted by the drought, so we may see more goose migration from the north this season. We hope to get a better push than the last two years."

Mike Morton, area manager for Sloughs WMA in Henderson and Union counties, said the area holds several thousand white-fronted geese, snow geese and Canada geese along with 3,000 or so ducks. "It is fairly average for this time of year," he explained. "We have a few more snow geese than we usually do. White-fronted geese have made up the majority of goose numbers on

the area in winter for the last four years. If we can get snow cover up north, it will really roll the geese out to us."

Waterfowl hunters need to remember that both duck and goose seasons open statewide on the same day, Nov. 22 this year, except in the Northeastern Goose Zone where Canada goose season opens Jan. 1. Some wildlife management areas may have different opening dates.

Hunters may take only one brant this year as part of their five goose daily bag limit. Brant are rare in Kentucky. However, hunters may take up to four scaup as part of the six duck daily bag limit, an increase of two scaup from last year.

"Scaup numbers have recovered to the point to

allow for additional harvest," Pritchert explained. "Scaup are usually associated with larger bodies like Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley."

To get their duck limits, hunters may want to target farm ponds. Many ponds remain low from the drought, but rainfall will create an ideal hunting situation.

"The exposed banks of those farm ponds are now grown up with a variety of emergent vegetation such as barnyard and panic grass and smart weed," Pritchert said. "If we get water on those plants, there is a potential to hold a lot of ducks."

Duck, coot and merganser season closes Nov. 24, but opens again Dec. 5 before closing on Jan. 27, 2013. Statewide goose seasons close Jan. 31,

2013 with the exception of the snow goose conservation order season. For more information on waterfowl season, pick up a copy of the 2012-2013 Kentucky Hunting Guide for Waterfowl, available wherever hunting licenses are sold. You may request a copy by calling 1-800-858-1549 or view a printable copy at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife webpage at fw.ky.gov.

News from the Extension Office *Rosie's Reflections*

By Rose Allen
Family & Consumer Sciences



Free Local Opportunities

We all know that early detection can save lives. Your opportunity to get a mammography screening for FREE plus bonuses is Friday, December 7 at the Kentucky Speedway from 9 AM-4:30 PM. Call 655-7400 to sign up and for information on coverage guidelines. All participants plus one guest will get a free tour of the Speedway. Eligible participants who have never had a mammogram or rarely screened will receive a gift card.

If you love to shop, don't miss the Holiday Bazaar this Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at your Extension Office, 395 U.S. 42 West, Warsaw. This Back-to-Basics Homemakers Club fundraiser will feature multiple crafters, jewelry, personal and kitchen items, baskets, and much more as vendors sign up. Christmas photos by Darla Sullivan Photography will also be available, so come dressed for a nice Christmas card snapshot. Contact Charlene Giles at 859-802-5724 for more

information. Light lunch items will also be available.

If you are running short on time to get a gift for someone, consider calling Shoppe on Main at 567-2434. Years ago I used the "personal shopper" at Dillard's to find a gift for someone. This was a free service that is not available uptown anymore and I really miss it.

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Courthouse report

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Nanci Yvonne Brown, violation of county ordinance, review 1/15/13.

Timothy R. Brown, speeding/26 mph over limit, careless driving, cont. 1/15/13.

Daniel S. Bush, review, cont. 11/27/12.

Joshua S. Bush, marijuana trafficking, pretrial 11/27/12.

Zachary Carey, alcohol intoxication, guilty, \$25, costs.

Hope M. Cecil, review, cont. 11/27/12.

Donald L. Cleaver, no/expired registration plates, no license in possession, failure to wear seat belts, failure to appear, suspend license.

Dangelo R. Clowney, speeding/26 mph over limit, driving on suspended license, failure to wear seat belts, careless driving, no insurance card, cont. 12/18/12.

Barry D. Davis, speeding/15 mph over limit, no insurance card, failure to appear, suspend license.

Elizabeth N. Davis, review, dismissed without prejudice.

Nathaniel L. Eaton, speeding/18 mph over limit, amended to 10 mph over limit, guilty, \$20, costs; no insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, no license in possession, dismissed.

Cori Eckart, theft by deception, failure to appear, bench warrant.

Derek J. Eggleston, review, cont. 11/27/12.

Michael A. Ellis, failure to wear seat belts, no insurance card, no/expired registration receipt, failure to appear, suspend license.

Adam D. Fender, no tail lamps, driving on suspended license, no insurance, cont. 12/18/12.

Robert M. Ferguson, speeding/20 mph over limit, careless driving, cont. 11/27/12; no insurance, proof shown/dismissed.

William Freeman, driving on suspended license, dismissed without prejudice.

Nicole A. Gaddis, harassing communications, review, 1/15/13.

Ronald B. Haarman, Jr., 2nd degree disorderly conduct, guilty, \$25, costs; resisting arrest, dismissed.

Amanda M. Harrison, theft by unlawful taking,

pretrial 11/27/112.

James Brandon Hill, review, failure to appear, suspend license, bench warrant.

Lindsay A. Jackson, failure to wear seat belts, guilty, \$25; no insurance card, proof shown/dismissed.

Spindle L. Johnson, review, cont. 12/18/12.

Keith C. Jones, review, cont. 12/4/12.

Vickie L. Kelley, no insurance card, careless driving, failure to appear, suspend license.

Cheryl N. Lamb Bush, marijuana trafficking, pretrial 11/27/12.

Tiffany N. Martin, no insurance card, failure to notify DOT of address change, proof shown/dismissed; failure to wear seat belts, guilty, \$25.

James Miller, review, cont. 11/27/12.

James O'Connor, flagrant non-support, cont. 1/15/12.

Patrick O'Connor, 4th degree assault, review 1/15/13.

Thomas Perkins, failure to wear seat belts, no insurance card, driving on suspended license, failure to surrender revoked license, pretrial 11/27/112.

Jade A. Person, speeding/14 mph over limit, driving on suspended license, no insurance, failure to appear, bench warrant.

Mariah J. Pope, speeding/26 mph over limit, careless driving, driving on suspended license, cont. 11/27/12.

Alvin J. Price, Jr., driving on suspended license, no insurance, failure to surrender revoked license, cont. 12/18/12.

Amanda Rusk, no/expired registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, proof shown/dismissed; driving on DUI suspended license, drug paraphernalia possession, pretrial 12/18/12.

Gerald Matthew Schauer, marijuana possession, pretrial 11/27/112.

Gerald Matthew Schauer, DUI, pretrial 11/27/12.

Bawe C. Shinholster, speeding/21 mph over limit, review 1/15/13; no insurance card, proof shown/dismissed.

David N. Souther, 4th degree assault, review 1/15/13.

Jasmine Warren, speeding/23 mph over limit, failure to wear seat belts,

prepaid; careless driving, merged/dismissed.

Shawn R. Wilson, 50 counts 3rd degree unlawful transaction with a minor, pretrial 11/27/12.

Troy A. Wilson, 4th degree assault, review 1/15/13.

William Coots, flagrant non-support, cont. 11/27/12.

Ronnie Baker, speeding/21 mph over limit, careless driving, driving on suspended license, failure to surrender revoked license, failure to appear, bench warrant, suspend license.

Timothy J. Bevis, theft by unlawful taking, dismissed.

Timothy J. Bevis, theft by unlawful taking, dismissed.

Rod Carlton, two counts violation of county ordinance, cont. 1/15/13.

Andrew Vincent Custer, 4th degree assault, dismissed.

Bridgett Davis, harassing communications, guilty, 10 days jail-conditionally discharged, costs; harassment, merged/dismissed.

Amy K. Fuller, motion to revoke, withdrawn.

Terry L. Glacken, two counts violation of county

ordinance, dismissed.

Derek Howell, review, cont. 1/15/13.

Jennifer B. Keller, speeding/18 mph over limit, careless driving, DUI, cont. 12/18/12.

Donnie K. Lynn, theft by deception, pretrial 12/18/112.

James C. Martin, careless driving, failure to notify DOT of address change, DUI, drug paraphernalia possession, 1st degree heroin possession, cont. 11/20/12.

Timothy Miles, 4th degree assault, review 1/15/13.

Franklin L. Minch, DUI, careless driving, failure to wear seat belts, cont. 11/20/12.

William Alan Piper, theft by deception, failure to appear, bench warrant.

William Alan Piper, three counts theft by deception, failure to appear, bench warrant.

Crystal Robinson, motion to revoke probation, withdrawn.

Brian K. Romans, motion to revoke probation, cont. 11/27/12.

Brian K. Romans, violation of protective order, cont. 11/27/112.

Glenn M. Stott, 4th degree assault, guilty, 30 days jail-conditionally discharged, costs; 3rd degree terroristic threaten-

ing, merged/dismissed.

Jeanie R. Traylor, reckless driving, guilty, \$50, costs; 1st degree wanton endangerment, withdrawn; driving on suspended license, merged/dismissed; DUI, guilty, \$20, costs, service fee, suspend license, 30 days jail-conditionally discharged.

Gregory A. Wallace, speeding/26 mph over limit, guilty, \$52, costs; careless driving, merged/dismissed; failure to wear seat belts, guilty, \$25; criminal possession of a forged instrument, withdrawn; driving on suspended license, guilty, \$25, costs.

Property Transfers

Kayleen Jackson and spouse to 21st Mortgage Corp., 675 Tower Drive, Verona, for \$56,610 in accordance with legal judgment.

Ralph Hutchinson to Vicky Johnson, 106 Hwy. 467, for \$15,000.

Rickey and Jacquelyn Sargent to Norman and Deborah Rice, 4840 Ky. 16 for \$90,000.

Fred and Doris Shepard to Steven Grubbs, 545 Riverside Drive, Warsaw, for \$25,000.

James and Michelle Williamson to Citibank, 7415 Hwy. 16, Verona, for \$82,001 in accordance with

legal judgment.

William and Colleen Wahl to Deutsche Bank, 155 Tower Drive, Verona, for \$42,667 in accordance with legal judgment.

Oliver Frasure, Sr. and Mary Jane Frasure to Oliver Frasure, Jr., and Tracy Frasure, property on the west side of Johnson Road, .8 mile south of Ky. 35 for considerations.

DGS Development to C. Ryan Baker, lot 9, Knox Valley Land Division, for \$39,500.

Danny Whalen Sr. and Kathy Whalen to Brian West, 714 Roberts Road, Verona, for \$73,900.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Ben Huntsman, lot 34 of Napoleon Hills Subdivision, section 2, for \$31,000.

Mary Cook to Wells Fargo Bank, 111 Southridge Drive, Verona, for \$62,685 in accordance with legal judgment.

George and Sherry Needy to Shelley Simpson, property on Market Street for \$95,000

Marriage Licenses

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Talking turkey

Larry Jerkins, left, received a box of Thanksgiving food from Brother Eddie Adkins (center) and Melvin Roberts of the Glencoe Baptist Church last Wednesday. The church helped 17 families in the Glencoe area have a happy holiday. Photo by Kathleen Niece



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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Gallatin County Sheriff's Settlement - 2011 Taxes for the period April 16, 2011 through April 16, 2012. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Gallatin County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement in accordance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Gallatin County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2011 through April 16, 2012, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 4, 2011 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

2011-01 The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Tax Receipts And Disbursements

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
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Auditor of Public Accounts

October 4, 2011

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Bad weather safety tips for holiday shoppers

According to a survey by the magazine *Consumer Reports*, nearly 193 million adults plan to join the crowds for holiday shopping this year. In some areas of the country, holiday shopping means weathering the snow, ice and sleet on sidewalks, streets and parking lots to get to the stores.

"Each year across the U.S. and Canada, major winter storms wreak havoc on the shopping plans of people preparing for the holidays," said Martin B. Tirado, CAE, Executive Director, Snow & Ice Management Association. "Without vigilance, holiday shoppers run the risk of damaging their cars or trucks, or worse, risking injury to themselves or their loved ones."

At the start of this holiday shopping season, the SIMA, the national nonprofit organization representing the snow removal industry, has some tips on safe holiday shopping during a snow or ice event.

TIP #1: Check weather reports. Before venturing out to the local shopping center or mall, check the weather report. If it already has started to sleet or snow, listen to the news to hear about your local road conditions before leaving your home. If the roads are hazardous, consider staying home.

Tip #2: Snow removal

may not begin immediately. Severe storms or blizzards will often limit or slow snow removal efforts. Be prepared to trudge through an unplowed parking lot or street with the proper footwear such as all-weather or snow boots with good traction and by layering your winter clothing with materials that repel moisture and wick away perspiration.

TIP #3: Understand the hazards of walking on snow or ice. Even in the most manicured shopping environments the snow often falls faster than the snow removal professionals can take it away. Therefore, sidewalks, walkways, steps and parking lots around stores may not be completely free of snow and ice. Keep vigilant when walking during or after a snow event. Be especially careful when transferring your weight from the sidewalk to the curb, particularly when carrying packages or small children. Extra weight in your arms can alter your center of gravity and lead to a higher probability of a fall.

TIP #4: Carefully enter and exit parking lots. Entering and exiting parking lot spaces create hazards even under normal weather conditions. But when the parking lot is covered in snow, it's even more

dangerous. Piles of parking lot snow often create smaller parking spaces and barriers that are difficult to see around. Watch for pedestrians and snow removal equipment when you are driving in a parking lot. When walking in a parking lot, watch for vehicles that may be out of control or drivers that don't see you.

TIP #5: Avoid getting behind snow removal equipment. Good snow removal equipment has strong lights but even so, never get behind moving snow removal equipment, especially if the truck is spreading salt or other materials designed to melt snow and ice.

A few additional things to remember--parking decks can be hazardous because snow and ice can blow in through the sides and accumulate. And although the snow and ice has been removed, you still need to watch for melted snow that refreezes to create ice. This may occur near roof overhangs, building drains, and in parking lot drainage areas.

Following these tips will help ensure that you survive the 2012 holiday shopping season safely so you can celebrate the holidays with your friends and families. For more snow and ice removal tips, visit SIMA <<http://www.sima.org>>



Christmas lights

Warsaw city worker Larry Dickerson hung Christmas decorations on the utility poles along Main St. last Wednesday. Now that Thanksgiving is past, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you look. Photo by Kelley Warnick

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